

House Resolution 465

By: Representative Dubnik of the 29th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of September 8 through 14, 2019, as Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis
2 Research and Awareness Week in the State of Georgia to increase awareness and
3 understanding of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF) is a debilitating and fatal disease marked
5 by progressive scarring of the lungs causing an irreversible loss of the lung tissue's ability
6 to transport oxygen; and

7 WHEREAS, IPF may progress quickly, often causing disability or death within three to five
8 years; and

9 WHEREAS, there is no proven cause of IPF, and it is often misdiagnosed or underdiagnosed;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, IPF is the most common form of interstitial lung disease; and

12 WHEREAS, IPF is five times more common than cystic fibrosis and Lou Gehrig's disease
13 yet the disease remains virtually unknown and receives a fraction of the research funding;
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15 WHEREAS, more than 132,000 United States citizens have IPF, and approximately 50,000
16 new cases are diagnosed each year; and

17 WHEREAS, as many as 40,000 people die each year due to IPF, the same number as breast
18 cancer; and

19 WHEREAS, more than 475 lung transplants have been performed in the State of Georgia;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, a need has been identified to increase research, awareness, and detection of IPF.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body recognize the week of September 8 through 14, 2019, as Idiopathic
24 Pulmonary Fibrosis Research and Awareness Week in the State of Georgia to increase
25 awareness and understanding of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
28 public and the press.